



GUNNEDAH VETERINARY HOSPITAL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

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Local Events For October

- Alkira Mini Mart:** 8th
Alkira Hospital
- Mullaley Gymkhana:** 8th
Mullaley Rec. ground
- Ladies Aux Rose Show:** 14th to 16th
- Senior Tennis Tournament:** 24th To 25th
- Manilla Cup: Gunnedah Jockey Club** 29th



SSSSNAKE!!!

One word you probably don't want someone to scream while you are out bush walking with your pet or lounging around the yard enjoying the sunshine. Being the start of the warmer months these slithery creatures have a lot of venom stored, which they have been producing during their hibernation.

The following are a few precautions you can take to minimize the risk of your pet being bitten:

- Keeping a nice tidy yard with the grass kept short to eliminate any snake hideouts.
- Snakes love to eat rats and mice so minimize the rodent

population.

- Snakes also like to drink water so make sure your pets drinking area is safe and clear of any rubbish that a snake might like to hide under.

Signs that your dog or cat has been bitten by a snake:

- Unsteadiness
- Drooling
- Enlarged pupils
- Fitting

We strongly recommend that if you suspect that your pet has been bitten by a snake that you seek veterinary attention as soon as possible as symptoms can come on very quickly and sudden death is not uncommon.



Pet Of The Month

Name: Ellie Amos
Age: 4 years
Breed: Cattle dog
Master: David Amos

Ellie loves to come to work with Dave, often you can find her laying out in the sun or sleeping on her back in the clinic, but as soon as she hears the food cup tingling she is up like a flash and out to investigate who is getting the food that she is missing out on.

Products for Treating internal and external parasites

- Comfortis is a monthly tablet that treats fleas on dogs only.
- Advantage is applied to the skin monthly and treats only fleas on cats and dogs.
- Advocate treats worms, fleas, prevents heartworm, controls mites and lice by applying as a spot on monthly treatment for dogs and cats.
- Advantix repels and kills paralysis ticks, bush ticks, flies and mosquito's on dogs only.



LOOK OUT FLEAS ABOUT

**Is your pet scratching?
Could it have fleas?**

As the weather warm ups it brings with it the perfect conditions for fleas to flourish on your pet. With flea allergy being the most common disease for this time of the year prevention is essential. If pre-

vention is not done quickly you may find that you will be visiting the vets for serious skin conditions. As the flea bites the animal it injects saliva under the skin which the animal finds irritating. Your furry friend then satisfies this discomfort by scratching which can then lead to the skin becoming broken, inflamed and

prone to infection. It is recommended for dogs and cats to be treated all year round for flea prevention. Fleas lay eggs during the winter months which all hatch when the weather gets warmer making the problem much bigger and harder to control.

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